



Discipline Hearing Conducted



At a Discipline Hearing concluded on 27 April 1998, Nizarali K.K. Dodhia, Diploma # 03356, manager of Oakridge Pharmacy pled guilty to negligence, professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming a pharmacist related to the following charges:

- ▶ 5 occasions between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1996 in which he supplied Tylenol No. 3 to various persons, when a verbal or written authorization had not been obtained from a practitioner.
- ▶ 27 occasions between 1 September 1995 and 31 December 1996 in which he supplied secobarbital to various persons, when a verbal or written authorization had not been obtained from a practitioner.
- ▶ 5 occasions between 13 November 1996 and 6 December 1996 of selling diazepam without receiving a prescription.
- ▶ 2 occasions between 3 December 1996 and 6 December 1996 of selling Tylenol No. 3 without receiving a prescription.
- ▶ 6 occasions between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1996 of dispensing Tylenol No. 3 without keeping a record on PharmaNet and on the local pharmacy software.
- ▶ 24 occasions between 1 September 1995 and 31 December 1996 of submitting billings and receiving payment from Pharmacare for prescriptions that had not been authorized by a practitioner.

The penalty assessed was:

1. A fine of \$12,500 plus costs and disbursements of \$64,388.71. A charitable donation of \$2,500 will be made to a drug rehabilitation program selected by the College.
2. A one year suspension from practice commencing 1 June 1998. He will have no involvement with the management and operation of the dispensary and will not be physically present in the dispensary except on approval of the College.
3. The following conditions will begin immediately and continue for a period of 5 years, including the period of suspension:
 - Neither he nor any staff member at Oakridge Pharmacy will purchase, stock or dispense any product containing secobarbital.
 - A perpetual inventory of all prescription narcotic and controlled drugs will be maintained in a format approved by the College.
 - The pharmacy manager will conduct a monthly inventory count and reconciliation. Discrepancies must be explained to the College within 7 days.
4. The Panel recommended that Mr. Dodhia voluntarily provide community service to a drug rehabilitation program for a period of at least 100 hours during his suspension.

Joint CPBC/BCPhA District Meetings Completed

District meetings held jointly with the College and the B.C. Pharmacy Association were recently completed at 12 sites around the province. A total of 144 pharmacists attended the meetings, with attendance ranging from 23 to 3 people per meeting. While participation figures were low in relation to the expense of travelling to the different sites, the meetings were informative.

Many pharmacy leaders in each area attended, sharing their views and constructive input. The College's new code of ethics was presented, which generated high quality discussions regarding proactive pharmacy practice and economics. It was most helpful to have BCPhA's Executive Director Bob Kucheran present to respond to inquiries and comments.

College Council will be evaluating the scheduling and costs of these meetings to determine the nature of upcoming District meetings.